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Date Filed: Herewith) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
For: **REBAR CHAIR AND**) STATEMENT
SUPPORTING PLATE)

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information [attached hereto and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified)] of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

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(f) Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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The Examiner is reminded that a "concise explanation of the relevance" of the submitted items "may be nothing more than identification of the particular figure or paragraph of the patent or publication which has some relation to the claimed invention," MPEP § 609.

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No fee is due.

The fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) is enclosed (\$180).

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment to our deposit account number 50-0918. An additional copy of this document is enclosed.

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